GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3927
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2005
FREE TREATMENT FOR POOR PATIENTS IN AIIMS
Jai Prakash Shri

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether poor patients are being provided neither medicines nor any concession for various types of costly medical tests in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide free treatment facilities to the poor and serious patients who are referred to the AIIMS by various State hospitals; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d); The patients, including poor patients coming to AIIMS Casualty/Emergency are provided free medical checkup and diagnostic tests. The surgical consumables and life saving drugs are also being provided free of cost. The patients admitted to the general wards are issued specified surgical items and life saving drugs, as per prescribed norms free of cost.

In addition, the poor and indigenous patients who cannot afford to buy medicines and surgical items are also provided financial assistance through Poor Patients Fund, National Illness Assistance Fund (AROGYA NIDHI), Prime Ministers Relief Fund, Health Minister`s Discretionary Grant and Voluntary Organization.